

Appl. No. 09/833,201

Amdt. Dated March 31, 2004

Reply to Office Action of February 20, 2004

Remarks

These remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action of February 20, 2004. In the Action the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-3 and objected to claims 8 and 9. The Examiner stated that claims 8 and 9 would be allowable to the extent amended so as to read on the elected species and not dependent on rejected claim 1. See, Office Action, ¶ 9. The Applicant hereby seeks to amend claims 8 and 9 so as to place them in proper form for allowance, and the Applicant hereby makes a good faith attempt to comply with the conditions set by the Examiner for allowance of those claims. Claim 8 has been amended so as to be in independent form, incorporating relevant limitations from original claim 1. It is noted, for example, that only those limitations of original claim 1 that are directed to the elected species are now incorporated into amended claim 8. Thus, for example, those elements in original claim 1 that extended to fused polycyclic structures (the non-elected group) have not been incorporated into claim 8. Claim 9 remains in its original dependent form. Thus, the Applicant requests that the Examiner immediately contact Applicant if any further amendment is required in order to comply with the Examiner's request.

Claim 30 is a new dependent claim. It has been written so as to incorporate the limitations associated with the Examiner's search, found in ¶2 of the November 5, 2003 Office Action. Thus, Claim 30 merely reflects the specific species that was searched by the Examiner.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the above Amendments fully comply with the Examiner's requests in the Office Action of February 20, 2004 so as to place claims 8, 9, and 30 in proper form for allowance.

If there are any fees associated with this Response, they may be charged to Deposit Account 50-2091. Please notify us of the same, referencing reference number 17663J-003810.

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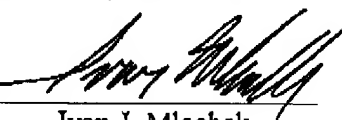
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In view of the preceding remarks, it is urged respectfully that the rejection of the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that the presently submitted claims be allowed to issue. However, if the Examiner believes that any issues remain unresolved, he is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Respectfully submitted

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